

REMARKS

Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-9 contain allowable subject matter.

Objections

Claim 9 stands objected to for a minor informality. In this reply, claim 9 has been amended to remove the typographical error noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-9 stand objected to for depending on a rejected base claim. In this reply, claims 2, 5, and 6 have been rewritten into independent form. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from one of these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of these objections and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

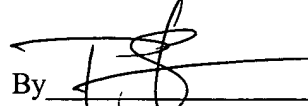
Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Serizawa. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that this amendment is fully responsive and places the application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or any other issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicant also believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 02008/123001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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